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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Preliminary to a substantive examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4 and 8 as follows:

4. (amended) A control device according to claim 1, wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

8. (amended) A controlled device according to claim 5, wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

Please add the following new claims:

9. (new) A control device according to claim 2, wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

10. (new) A control device according to claim 3, wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

11. (new) A controlled device according to claim 6, wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

12. (new) A controlled device according to claim 7, wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

REMARKS

New claims have been presented to better describe the invention and eliminate multiple dependent claims. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4799.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

(Amended Claims Showing Changes Made)

4. (amended) A control device according to claim 1, [2 or 3,] wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

8. (amended) A controlled device according to claim 5, [6 or 7,] wherein said network is a serial bus based on IEEE 1394-1995 standard.

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